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Short Title: Vet Employment Assistance Priority.

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April 17, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE PRIORITY IN EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES VETERANS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 165 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

**"ARTICLE 7A.**

**"Priority in Employment Assistance for United States Armed Forces Veterans.**

**"§ 165-44.1. Purpose.**

The General Assembly finds and declares that veterans in North Carolina represent a strong, productive part of the workforce of this State and are disadvantaged in their pursuit of civilian employment through their delayed entry into the civilian labor market and that it is only proper and in the public interest and public welfare that veterans be provided priority in programs of employment and job training assistance.

**"§ 165-44.2. Veteran defined.**

For the purposes of this Article, 'veteran' means a person who served on active duty (other than for training) in any component of the United States Armed Forces for a period

1 of 180 days or more, unless released earlier because of service-connected disability, and  
2 who was discharged or released from the armed forces under honorable conditions.

3 **"§ 165-44.3. Priority defined.**

4 For the purposes of this Article, 'priority' for veterans means that eligible veterans  
5 who register or otherwise apply for services shall be extended the opportunity to  
6 participate in or otherwise receive the services of the covered providers before the  
7 providers extend the opportunity or services to other registered applicants.

8 **"§ 165-44.4. Priority employment assistance directed.**

9 All officers and employees of the State and of any county, city, other political  
10 subdivision, boards and commissions, and other public or private recipients of federal  
11 funds or funds appropriated by the General Assembly which provide employment and  
12 job training and related assistance programs and services, shall establish procedures to  
13 provide eligible veterans with priority in the provision of these programs and services.

14 **"§ 165-44.5. Implementation and performance measures.**

15 The North Carolina Commission on Workforce Preparedness shall:

- 16 (1) Issue implementing directives that shall apply to all employees of the  
17 State and of any county, city, other political subdivision of the State,  
18 boards and commissions, and other public or private recipients of  
19 federal funds or funds appropriated by the General Assembly, and revise  
20 those directives as necessary to further the intent of this Article.
- 21 (2) Develop measures of service for veterans that will serve as indicators of  
22 compliance with the provisions of this Article by all covered service  
23 providers.
- 24 (3) Annually publish and submit to the Joint Legislative Commission on  
25 Governmental Operations, beginning not later than October 1, 1998, a  
26 report detailing covered providers' compliance with the provisions of  
27 this Article."

28 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.